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DES DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

Employment Review

February 1987

February Employment Up Slightly

With an over the month increase of 15,300, the state's nonagricultural wage and salary employment reached 2,983,600 in February 1987.

- Employment in the manufacturing sector fell slightly with a 2,100 job loss. Both the durable and nondurable goods producing sectors experienced employment declines between January 1987 and February 1987.

- Employment opportunities improved in the transportation, communication, and public utilities sector with a 600 job increase. Similarly, the finance, insurance, and real estate industries have created 300 new jobs since Janurary 1987.

- With a 4,700 job loss, the wholesale and retail trade sector continued to readjust to the end of the buying season. The service sector, on the other hand, showed a seasonal gain of 18,500 workers in February 1987.

As the services sector continues to show annual employment gains, the state's nonagricultural employment grew by 67,000 over the past year.

- Most major sectors of the State's economy recorded employment gains: 1,600 new jobs in the transportation, communication, and public utilities sector; 19,200 new jobs in the wholesale and retail trade sector; and 14,500 new jobs in the finance, insurance, and real estate sector.

- Labor market conditions remained favorable in the services sector with 39,800 newly created jobs since February 1986.

- Over the year, manufacturing employment has fallen by 19,900. Employment declines occured in both the durable and nondurable goods producing sectors.

Massachusetts' Major Labor Market Areas VI:

The Brockton Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA)

The Brockton PMSA, an area of nine cities and towns, represents the state's seventh largest labor market area, employing nearly 71,100 people in February 1987.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

MASSACHUSETTS

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				PRIOR MO.		YEAR AGO	
	FEB 1987	JAN 1987	FEB 1986	#	%	#	%
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2983.6	2968.3	2916.6	15.3	0.5	67.0	2.3
Manufacturing	608.8	610.9	627.9	-2.1	-0.3	-19.1	-3.0
Durable Goods	409.1	410.6	421.9	-1.5	-0.4	-12.8	-3.0
Lumber & Furniture	13.8	13.8	13.3	0.0	****	0.5	3.8
Stone,Clay & Glass	10.0	10.4	10.6	-0.4	-3.8	-0.6	-5.7
Primary Metals	15.6	15.7	15.9	-0.1	-0.6	-0.3	-1.9
Fabricated Metals	40.8	41.2	43.1	-0.4	-1.0	-2.3	-5.3
Cutlery,Hand tools,Hardware	9.4	9.6	9.6	-0.2	-2.1	-0.2	-2.1
Machinery, except electrical	94.7	94.8	99.8	-0.1	-0.1	-5.1	-5.1
Metalworking machinery	13.6	13.5	14.1	0.1	0.7	-0.5	-3.5
Special industry machinery	11.7	11.7	12.8	0.0	****	-1.1	-8.6
* Office Computing, & Accounting Machines	47.1	47.3	49.0	-0.2	-0.4	-1.9	-3.9
Electrical & Electronic machinery,equip.,etc.	123.4	123.7	124.9	-0.3	-0.2	-1.5	-1.2
Communications equipment	43.3	43.6	43.8	-0.3	-0.7	-0.5	-1.1
Electronic components	56.8	56.6	56.8	0.2	0.4	0.0	****
Transportation equipment	37.1	37.2	39.1	-0.1	-0.3	-2.0	-5.1
Instruments	54.5	54.7	56.0	-0.2	-0.4	-1.5	-2.7
Measuring & Control devices	19.7	19.8	21.1	-0.1	-0.5	-1.4	-6.6
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	19.2	19.1	19.2	0.1	0.5	0.0	****
Jewelry	7.4	7.3	7.7	0.1	1.4	-0.3	-3.9
Nondurable Goods	199.7	200.3	206.0	-0.6	-0.3	-6.3	-3.1
Food & kindred products	23.0	23.3	22.8	-0.3	-1.3	0.2	0.9
Textile mill products	17.4	17.4	18.2	0.0	****	-0.8	-4.4
Apparel	25.8	25.8	28.8	0.0	****	-3.0	-10.4
Mens & Boys suits,coats & furnishings	6.6	6.5	7.2	0.1	1.5	-0.6	-8.3
Paper & allied products	23.6	23.8	25.1	-0.2	-0.8	-1.5	-6.0
Printing & Publishing	53.2	53.2	52.7	0.0	****	0.5	0.9
Chemicals	17.2	17.2	17.1	0.0	****	0.1	0.6
Rubber & miscellaneous Plastic products	28.4	28.6	29.3	-0.2	-0.7	-0.9	-3.1
Miscellaneous Plastic products	21.4	21.6	22.2	-0.2	-0.9	-0.8	-3.6
Leather & Leather products	9.8	9.7	10.9	0.1	1.0	-1.1	-10.1
Footwear, except rubber	5.0	5.0	5.9	0.0	****	-0.9	-15.3
Mining	2.0	2.0	1.4	0.0	****	0.6	42.9
Construction	110.7	114.2	102.2	-3.5	-3.1	8.5	8.3
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	125.4	124.8	123.8	0.6	0.5	1.6	1.3
Wholesale & Retail trade	697.3	702.0	678.1	-4.7	-0.7	19.2	2.8
Wholesale Trade	162.7	162.8	155.5	-0.1	-0.1	7.2	4.6
Retail Trade	534.6	539.2	522.6	-4.6	-0.9	12.0	2.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	209.3	209.0	194.8	0.3	0.1	14.5	7.4
Banking	63.2	63.3	59.6	-0.1	-0.2	3.6	6.0
Services	838.2	819.7	798.4	18.5	2.3	39.8	5.0
Health Services	245.4	245.3	238.3	0.1	****	7.1	3.0
Educational Services	120.8	103.5	114.5	17.3	16.7	6.3	5.5
Government	391.9	385.7	390.0	6.2	1.6	1.9	0.5
Federal	59.7	59.0	60.5	0.7	1.2	-0.8	-1.3
U.S. Postal Service	26.1	25.9	23.6	0.2	0.8	2.5	10.6
State	98.6	94.3	98.1	4.3	4.6	0.5	0.5
Educational services	27.6	23.4	29.0	4.2	17.9	-1.4	-4.8
Local	233.6	232.4	231.4	1.2	0.5	2.2	1.0
Educational services	132.3	131.0	132.5	1.3	1.0	-0.2	-0.2
Other Local	101.3	101.4	98.9	-0.1	-0.1	2.4	2.4
* High Technology Manufacturing	250.0	250.7	253.9	-0.7	-0.3	-3.9	-1.5
* High Technology Nonmanufacturing	82.2	82.3	78.5	-0.1	-0.1	3.7	4.7

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

BOSTON PMSA

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				PRIOR MO.		YEAR AGO	
	FEB 1987	JAN 1987	FEB 1986	#	%	#	%
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1690.7	1682.6	1646.1	8.1	0.5	44.6	2.7
Manufacturing	291.5	291.4	295.8	0.1	****	-4.3	-1.5
Durable Goods	211.5	211.5	214.1	0.0	****	-2.6	-1.2
Primary Metals	3.1	3.1	3.2	0.0	****	-0.1	-3.1
Fabricated Metals	16.6	16.8	17.0	-0.2	-1.2	-0.4	-2.4
Machinery, except electrical	41.6	41.7	42.4	-0.1	-0.2	-0.8	-1.9
Electrical & Electronic machinery,equip.,etc.	74.2	73.9	74.0	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3
Transportation equipment	24.2	24.3	25.6	-0.1	-0.4	-1.4	-5.5
Instruments	40.8	40.7	40.7	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Nondurable Goods	80.0	79.9	81.7	0.1	0.1	-1.7	-2.1
Food & kindred products	12.2	12.3	12.3	-0.1	-0.8	-0.1	-0.8
Textile mill products	2.5	2.5	2.6	0.0	****	-0.1	-3.8
Apparel	6.6	6.4	7.4	0.2	3.1	-0.8	-10.8
Paper & allied products	7.1	7.3	7.8	-0.2	-2.7	-0.7	-9.0
Printing & Publishing	32.6	32.4	31.8	0.2	0.6	0.8	2.5
Chemicals	7.9	7.9	8.1	0.0	****	-0.2	-2.5
Rubber & miscellaneous Plastic products	8.0	8.1	8.5	-0.1	-1.2	-0.5	-5.9
Leather & Leather products	2.5	2.5	2.6	0.0	****	-0.1	-3.8
Mining	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.0	****	0.2	33.3
Construction	58.1	59.1	53.9	-1.0	-1.7	4.2	7.8
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	73.4	73.5	72.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.8	1.1
Wholesale & Retail trade	380.1	384.3	367.3	-4.2	-1.1	12.8	3.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	142.7	142.8	135.0	-0.1	-0.1	7.7	5.7
Banking	41.7	41.9	39.2	-0.2	-0.5	2.5	6.4
Insurance	37.3	37.4	37.6	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.8
Services	547.9	535.3	525.0	12.6	2.4	22.9	4.4
Health Services	138.4	138.9	136.0	-0.5	-0.4	2.4	1.8
Educational Services	85.5	73.8	86.1	11.7	15.9	-0.6	-0.7
Government	196.2	195.4	195.9	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.2
Federal	37.4	37.2	36.5	0.2	0.5	0.9	2.5
U.S. Postal Service	14.4	14.4	13.2	0.0	****	1.2	9.1
Federal Hospitals	4.9	4.9	5.0	0.0	****	-0.1	-2.0
State	48.3	47.8	47.3	0.5	1.0	1.0	2.1
State Hospitals	4.9	4.9	4.7	0.0	****	0.2	4.3
Educational services	8.7	8.5	8.6	0.2	2.4	0.1	1.2
Local	110.5	110.4	112.1	0.1	0.1	-1.6	-1.4

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				PRIOR MO.		YEAR AGO	
	FEB 1987	JAN 1987	FEB 1986	#	%	#	%
SPRINGFIELD MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	234.0	231.7	224.7	2.3	1.0	9.3	4.1
Manufacturing	52.3	52.1	51.8	0.2	0.4	0.5	1.0
Durable Goods	27.2	27.2	26.7	0.0	****	0.5	1.9
Fabricated Metals	6.9	7.1	6.6	-0.2	-2.8	0.3	4.5
Machinery, except electrical	6.8	6.8	6.8	0.0	****	0.0	****
Nondurable Goods	25.1	24.9	25.1	0.2	0.8	0.0	****
Textile mill products	1.8	1.8	1.6	0.0	****	0.2	12.5
Apparel	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.0	****	-0.2	-18.2
Paper & allied products	8.1	8.0	7.7	0.1	1.3	0.4	5.2
Printing & Publishing	6.0	6.0	5.8	0.0	****	0.2	3.4
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	****	0.1	100.0
Construction	7.4	7.6	6.7	-0.2	-2.6	0.7	10.4
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	9.1	9.0	8.9	0.1	1.1	0.2	2.2
Wholesale & Retail trade	54.8	55.0	52.3	-0.2	-0.4	2.5	4.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	15.7	15.8	14.7	-0.1	-0.6	1.0	6.8
Services	56.4	54.3	53.2	2.1	3.9	3.2	6.0
Government	38.1	37.7	37.0	0.4	1.1	1.1	3.0
Federal	5.9	5.8	5.9	0.1	1.7	0.0	****
State	8.4	8.1	8.0	0.3	3.7	0.4	5.0
Local	23.8	23.8	23.1	0.0	****	0.7	3.0
WORCESTER MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	192.9	191.0	187.1	1.9	1.0	5.8	3.1
Manufacturing	45.4	45.4	46.4	0.0	****	-1.0	-2.2
Durable Goods	30.6	30.6	31.4	0.0	****	-0.8	-2.5
Primary Metals	2.1	2.1	2.2	0.0	****	-0.1	-4.5
Fabricated Metals	7.2	7.2	7.6	0.0	****	-0.4	-5.3
Machinery, except electrical	9.1	9.0	9.3	0.1	1.1	-0.2	-2.2
Nondurable Goods	14.8	14.8	15.0	0.0	****	-0.2	-1.3
Textile mill products	2.9	2.9	3.1	0.0	****	-0.2	-6.5
Leather & Leather products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.0	****	-0.1	-11.1
Mining	0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.1	-50.0	0.0	****
Construction	7.4	7.7	6.9	-0.3	-3.9	0.5	7.2
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	8.1	7.9	8.1	0.2	2.5	0.0	****
Wholesale & Retail trade	48.3	48.3	45.6	0.0	****	2.7	5.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	12.7	12.7	11.9	0.0	****	0.8	6.7
Services	47.5	45.7	45.0	1.8	3.9	2.5	5.6
Government	23.4	23.1	23.1	0.3	1.3	0.3	1.3

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				PRIOR MO.		YEAR AGO	
	FEB 1987	JAN 1987	FEB 1986	#	%	#	%
BROCKTON PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	71.1	70.7	69.1	0.4	0.6	2.0	2.9
Manufacturing	11.0	11.1	11.9	-0.1	-0.9	-0.9	-7.6
Durable Goods	6.0	6.0	6.2	0.0	****	-0.2	-3.2
Electrical & Electronic machinery,equip.,etc.	1.6	1.5	1.5	0.1	6.7	0.1	6.7
Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.1	5.7	-0.1	-2.0	-0.7	-12.3
Construction	3.9	3.8	3.0	0.1	2.6	0.9	30.0
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	5.1	5.0	5.3	0.1	2.0	-0.2	-3.8
Wholesale & Retail trade	21.5	21.6	20.2	-0.1	-0.5	1.3	6.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3.1	3.0	2.9	0.1	3.3	0.2	6.9
Services	14.5	14.2	14.3	0.3	2.1	0.2	1.4
Government	12.0	12.0	11.5	0.0	****	0.5	4.3
Federal	3.1	3.0	2.8	0.1	3.3	0.3	10.7
State	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.0	****	-0.1	-4.3
Local	6.7	6.8	6.4	-0.1	-1.5	0.3	4.7
LAWRENCE - HAVERHILL MASS. - N.H. PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	158.8	158.7	158.9	0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Manufacturing	51.6	52.2	53.7	-0.6	-1.1	-2.1	-3.9
Durable Goods	38.4	38.9	40.2	-0.5	-1.3	-1.8	-4.5
Nondurable Goods	13.2	13.3	13.5	-0.1	-0.8	-0.3	-2.2
Leather & Leather products	1.9	2.0	2.3	-0.1	-5.0	-0.4	-17.4
Construction	8.3	8.4	10.4	-0.1	-1.2	-2.1	-20.2
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	6.7	6.7	6.5	0.0	****	0.2	3.1
Wholesale & Retail trade	35.4	35.7	32.5	-0.3	-0.8	2.9	8.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	6.0	6.0	5.6	0.0	****	0.4	7.1
Services	31.1	30.5	29.5	0.6	2.0	1.6	5.4
Government	19.7	19.2	20.7	0.5	2.6	-1.0	-4.8

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				PRIOR MO.		YEAR AGO	
	FEB 1987	JAN 1987	FEB 1986	#	%	#	%
FITCHBURG - LEOMINSTER MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	39.3	39.2	39.3	0.1	0.3	0.0	****
Manufacturing	13.2	13.2	13.5	0.0	****	-0.3	-2.2
Durable Goods	5.0	5.0	5.8	0.0	****	-0.8	-13.8
Machinery, except electrical	3.4	3.4	3.7	0.0	****	-0.3	-8.1
Nondurable Goods	8.2	8.2	7.7	0.0	****	0.5	6.5
Rubber & miscellaneous Plastic products	4.2	4.1	3.8	0.1	2.4	0.4	10.5
Construction	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	****	0.1	5.9
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.0	****	-0.1	-6.7
Wholesale & Retail trade	10.0	9.9	9.5	0.1	1.0	0.5	5.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.0	****	0.1	6.7
Services	6.8	6.9	6.8	-0.1	-1.4	0.0	****
Government	4.5	4.4	4.8	0.1	2.3	-0.3	-6.3
LOWELL MASS. - N.H. PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	103.9	103.6	102.7	0.3	0.3	1.2	1.2
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	****	-0.1	-50.0
Manufacturing	37.0	37.3	38.4	-0.3	-0.8	-1.4	-3.6
Construction	4.4	4.5	4.0	-0.1	-2.2	0.4	10.0
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	3.2	3.3	3.4	-0.1	-3.0	-0.2	-5.9
Wholesale & Retail trade	21.8	21.7	21.6	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4.2	4.1	3.7	0.1	2.4	0.5	13.5
Services	20.2	19.9	18.3	0.3	1.5	1.9	10.4
Government	13.0	12.7	13.1	0.3	2.4	-0.1	-0.8
***SALEM - GLOUCESTER PMSA**							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	109.0	109.5	105.0	-0.5	-0.5	4.0	3.8
Manufacturing	23.0	23.1	23.6	-0.1	-0.4	-0.6	-2.5
Durable Goods	16.0	16.0	16.6	0.0	****	-0.6	-3.6
Nondurable Goods	7.0	7.1	7.0	-0.1	-1.4	0.0	****
Construction	3.7	3.9	3.6	-0.2	-5.1	0.1	2.8
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	3.1	3.1	2.8	0.0	****	0.3	10.7
Wholesale & Retail trade	32.6	33.0	31.3	-0.4	-1.2	1.3	4.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	5.2	5.1	4.6	0.1	2.0	0.6	13.0
Services	25.9	26.0	23.9	-0.1	-0.4	2.0	8.4
Government	15.4	15.2	15.1	0.2	1.3	0.3	2.0

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INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				PRIOR MO.		YEAR AGO	
	FEB 1987	JAN 1987	FEB 1986	#	%	#	%
PITTSFIELD MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	41.8	42.1	40.8	-0.3	-0.7	1.0	2.5
Manufacturing	11.9	12.0	12.0	-0.1	-0.8	-0.1	-0.8
Machinery	7.7	7.8	8.0	-0.1	-1.3	-0.3	-3.8
Construction	1.7	1.8	1.5	-0.1	-5.6	0.2	13.3
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	0.9	1.0	0.9	-0.1	-10.0	0.0	****
Wholesale & Retail trade	10.9	11.1	10.6	-0.2	-1.8	0.3	2.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	2.1	2.1	2.0	0.0	****	0.1	5.0
Services	9.6	9.5	8.9	0.1	1.1	0.7	7.9
Government	4.6	4.5	4.8	0.1	2.2	-0.2	-4.2
NEW BEDFORD MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	64.8	64.9	64.5	-0.1	-0.2	0.3	0.5
Manufacturing	21.1	21.1	21.7	0.0	****	-0.6	-2.8
Durable Goods	9.1	9.1	9.0	0.0	****	0.1	1.1
Primary & Fabricated Metals	3.4	3.4	3.2	0.0	****	0.2	6.3
Nondurable Goods	12.0	12.0	12.7	0.0	****	-0.7	-5.5
Apparel	6.4	6.4	6.6	0.0	****	-0.2	-3.0
Construction	2.5	2.7	2.1	-0.2	-7.4	0.4	19.0
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	3.1	3.1	2.9	0.0	****	0.2	6.9
Wholesale & Retail trade	14.4	14.4	14.5	0.0	****	-0.1	-0.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	****	0.1	4.2
Services	12.0	12.0	11.4	0.0	****	0.6	5.3
Government	9.2	9.1	9.5	0.1	1.1	-0.3	-3.2
FALL RIVER MASS. - R.I. PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.9	55.0	54.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.7	1.3
Manufacturing	17.0	16.9	18.0	0.1	0.6	-1.0	-5.6
Textile mill products	4.3	4.3	4.4	0.0	****	-0.1	-2.3
All other manufacturing	12.7	12.6	13.6	0.1	0.8	-0.9	-6.6
Construction	1.8	1.9	1.5	-0.1	-5.3	0.3	20.0
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	****	0.1	5.6
Wholesale & Retail trade	14.2	14.5	13.5	-0.3	-2.1	0.7	5.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	2.9	2.8	2.7	0.1	3.6	0.2	7.4
Services	10.5	10.5	10.2	0.0	****	0.3	2.9
Government	6.6	6.5	6.5	0.1	1.5	0.1	1.5

NOTE: By place of work, not comparable to labor force employment statistics

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS BY INDUSTRY

MANUFACTURING

Area	Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb 87	Jan 87	Feb 86	Feb 87	Jan 87	Feb 86
UNITED STATES	41.2	40.6	40.7	$9.84	$9.83	$9.70
MASSACHUSETTS	40.2	40.6	41.3	9.61	9.51	9.01
BOSTON	40.4	40.6	40.3	10.49	10.40	9.85
BROCKTON	39.3	40.1	*	7.86	7.90	*
FALL RIVER	36.4	36.4	*	7.42	7.48	*
LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL	40.8	40.9	*	9.86	9.86	*
LOWELL	42.8	43.4	*	9.91	9.91	*
NEW BEDFORD	38.7	39.7	*	8.15	8.17	*
SPRINGFIELD	42.2	42.6	41.8	9.00	9.00	8.95
WORCESTER	40.4	40.1	39.9	9.53	9.52	9.30

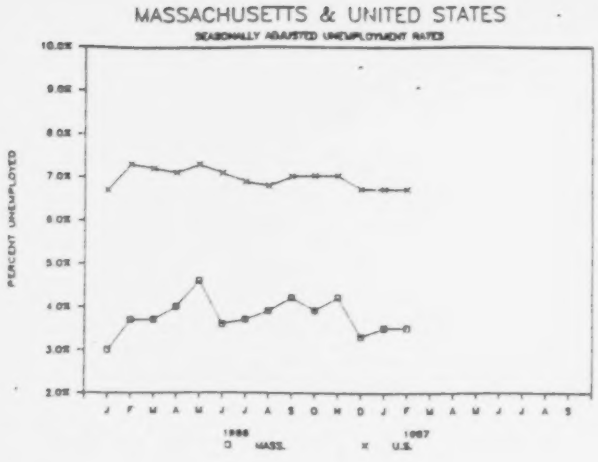
*INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS BY INDUSTRY

MASSACHUSETTS

Industry	Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb 87	Jan 87	Feb 86	Feb 87	Jan 87	Feb 86
MANUFACTURING	40.2	40.6	41.3	9.61	9.51	9.01
DURABLE GOODS	40.8	41.2	41.6	10.10	9.97	9.43
LUMBER & FURNITURE	40.1	40.2	38.8	7.23	6.98	6.65
STONE, CLAY & GLASS	37.9	38.3	38.3	11.26	11.33	10.82
PRIMARY METALS	42.0	42.5	43.3	9.01	9.03	8.90
FABRICATED METALS	40.7	39.8	41.6	10.00	9.83	9.50
CUTLERY, ETC.	43.7	41.6	42.5	11.09	10.88	10.68
MACHINERY, EX. ELEC.	42.3	42.6	42.4	10.54	10.50	10.16
METALWORKING MACH.	41.8	42.5	41.6	10.74	10.69	10.76
SPECIAL INDU. MACH.	44.0	45.0	42.7	11.55	11.87	11.08
ELEC. & ELECTRON. MACH.	42.1	42.6	42.4	9.65	9.65	9.12
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIP.	44.1	45.4	43.6	10.97	11.01	10.08
ELECTRONIC COMP.	43.4	43.8	44.4	9.57	9.55	9.27
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	38.1	40.3	40.3	12.08	11.70	11.13
INSTRUMENTS	38.8	39.0	40.6	10.99	10.55	8.88
MEAS. & CONTROL DEVICES	41.9	41.2	41.8	8.60	8.35	7.76
MISC. MANUFAC. IND.	39.5	40.7	40.9	8.47	8.41	8.15
JEWELRY	39.4	40.6	40.7	7.27	7.12	7.44
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.3	39.5	40.8	8.79	8.72	8.30
FOOD & KINDRED PROD.	40.2	41.2	41.9	9.39	9.23	9.36
TEXTILE MILL PROD.	41.1	41.2	41.2	8.11	8.17	7.77
APPAREL	37.9	38.6	37.5	6.34	6.40	5.98
MENS & BOYS SUITS	40.2	40.9	41.2	6.96	7.14	6.88
PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS	43.0	43.1	42.6	9.21	9.27	9.06
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	36.7	36.6	43.0	9.94	9.63	9.15
CHEMICALS	42.3	40.6	41.6	11.48	11.21	10.67
RUBBER & PLASTIC PROD.	40.3	40.9	40.6	8.35	8.40	7.90
MISC. PLAS. PROD.	39.5	39.7	39.9	7.95	7.97	7.50
LEATHER & LEATHER PROD.	35.2	35.7	35.2	7.17	7.19	6.61
FOOTWEAR, EX. RUBBER	32.4	32.8	33.3	6.41	6.37	6.02



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- Industries with the greatest proportions of jobs in The Brockton PMSA include: manufacturing at 15 percent, wholesale and retail trade at 30 percent, and services at 20 percent.

- Unemployment in The Brockton PMSA averaged 4.3 percent in 1986, the sixth highest rate across the state and a relatively higher rate than the state's 1986 annual average of 3.8 percent.

Unemployment Rate Remains Steady in February

Massachusetts' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for February 1987 mirrored The January rate of 3.5 percent. This month's rate ranks well below the national rate which remained steady at 6.7 percent.

- Once again,Boston posted the lowest unemployment rate in the Commonwealth with a monthly rate of 3.1 percent.

- Other areas experiencing low unemployment rates were Salem-Gloucester PMSA at 3.8 percent and Worcester MSA at 3.6 percent.

- From a less favorable perspective, the Fall River and New Bedford areas experienced the highest unemployment with rates of 7.4 percent and 7.3 percent respectively.

- In the lesser populated areas of the Commonwealth, unemployment persisted at relatively high rates. Examples are: The Gardner LMA at 6.6 percent, Barnstable LMA at 6.4 percent, and the Attleboro LMA at 6.1 percent.

Revised Data Available

The newly benchmarked Current Employment Statistics employment estimates for 1985 and 1986 are now available. This information is published in the Employment Review Supplement which is available upon request by writing to:

Economic Research & Analysis Publications
Massachusetts Division of Employment Security
C.F Hurley Bldg. 2nd Floor
Government Center
Boston, MA 02114

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
UNITED STATES AND MASSACHUSETTS
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(In Thousands)

	Feb 87	Jan 87	Feb 86
United States	6.7	6.7	7.2
Massachusetts	3.5	3.5	3.8
Labor Force	3040.0	3052.0	3049.0
Employed	2935.0	2946.0	2934.0
Unemployed	105.0	106.0	115.0

LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
UNITED STATES, MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREA
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(In Thousands)

AREA	FEBRUARY 1987	JANUARY 1987	FEBRUARY 1986
UNITED STATES			
LABOR FORCE	110,314,000	117,704,000	115,726,000
EMPLOYMENT	109,464,000	109,084,000	106,685,000
UNEMPLOYMENT	850,000	8,620,000	9,041,000
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	0.8	7.3	7.8
MASSACHUSETTS			
LABOR FORCE	3,001,600	3,019,800	3,008,800
EMPLOYMENT	2,884,200	2,896,500	2,880,900
UNEMPLOYMENT	117,400	123,300	127,900
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.9	4.1	4.3
MAJOR LABOR AREAS			
BOSTON PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	1,497,880	1,506,850	1,500,630
EMPLOYMENT	1,450,880	1,457,120	1,448,240
UNEMPLOYMENT	47,000	49,730	52,390
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.1	3.3	3.5
BROCKTON PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	94,540	94,630	94,300
EMPLOYMENT	90,530	90,360	90,010
UNEMPLOYMENT	4,010	4,260	4,300
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.2	4.5	4.6
FALL RIVER PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	75,780	76,670	76,490
EMPLOYMENT	70,200	70,800	70,530
UNEMPLOYMENT	5,570	5,880	5,970
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	7.4	7.7	7.8
FITCHBURG-LEOMINSTER MSA			
LABOR FORCE	44,920	45,210	47,140
EMPLOYMENT	42,650	42,730	44,910
UNEMPLOYMENT	2,280	2,480	2,220
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	5.1	5.5	4.7
LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	177,950	179,030	183,920
EMPLOYMENT	169,950	170,860	174,330
UNEMPLOYMENT	8,000	8,170	9,590
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.5	4.6	5.2
LOWELL PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	145,810	147,150	148,290
EMPLOYMENT	139,920	141,030	142,440
UNEMPLOYMENT	5,890	6,120	5,850
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.0	4.2	3.9
NEW BEDFORD MSA			
LABOR FORCE	82,550	83,480	84,190
EMPLOYMENT	76,560	77,370	77,710
UNEMPLOYMENT	5,990	6,110	6,480
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	7.3	7.3	7.7

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LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
UNITED STATES, MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREA
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(In Thousands)

AREA	FEBRUARY 1987	JANUARY 1987	FEBRUARY 1986
PITTSFIELD MSA			
LABOR FORCE	39,780	40,370	39,910
EMPLOYMENT	38,050	38,460	37,970
UNEMPLOYMENT	1,730	1,900	1,950
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.3	4.7	4.9
SALEM-GLOUCESTER PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	147,170	150,860	144,850
EMPLOYMENT	141,600	145,250	139,170
UNEMPLOYMENT	5,570	5,620	5,680
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.8	3.7	3.9
SPRINGFIELD MSA			
LABOR FORCE	246,040	244,560	243,590
EMPLOYMENT	236,000	234,010	232,270
UNEMPLOYMENT	10,040	10,550	11,310
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.1	4.3	4.6
WORCESTER MSA			
LABOR FORCE	206,690	206,720	205,210
EMPLOYMENT	199,330	198,850	197,160
UNEMPLOYMENT	7,360	7,870	8,040
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.6	3.8	3.9
OTHER LABOR AREAS			
AMHERST LMA			
LABOR FORCE	28,930	28,620	28,940
EMPLOYMENT	28,030	27,680	28,070
UNEMPLOYMENT	900	950	870
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.1	3.3	3.0
ATHOL LMA			
LABOR FORCE	10,130	10,140	9,860
EMPLOYMENT	9,530	9,510	9,160
UNEMPLOYMENT	610	630	700
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	6.0	6.2	7.1
ATTLEBORO LMA			
LABOR FORCE	46,810	47,470	47,360
EMPLOYMENT	43,980	44,630	44,300
UNEMPLOYMENT	2,840	2,840	3,060
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	6.1	6.0	6.5
BARNSTABLE LMA			
LABOR FORCE	87,560	87,830	86,560
EMPLOYMENT	81,950	82,050	80,860
UNEMPLOYMENT	5,600	5,780	5,700
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	6.4	6.6	6.6
DUKES COUNTY LMA			
LABOR FORCE	5,290	5,440	5,340
EMPLOYMENT	4,960	5,060	4,970
UNEMPLOYMENT	330	390	360
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	6.2	7.1	6.8

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LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
UNITED STATES, MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREA
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(In Thousands)

AREA	FEBRUARY 1987	JANUARY 1987	FEBRUARY 1986
GARDNER LMA			
LABOR FORCE	14,240	14,180	14,220
EMPLOYMENT	13,290	13,200	13,220
UNEMPLOYMENT	950	980	1,000
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	6.6	6.9	7.0
GREAT BARRINGTON LMA			
LABOR FORCE	8,750	8,740	8,750
EMPLOYMENT	8,440	8,430	8,460
UNEMPLOYMENT	320	310	290
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.6	3.5	3.3
GREENFIELD LMA			
LABOR FORCE	24,040	23,950	24,150
EMPLOYMENT	23,110	23,020	23,130
UNEMPLOYMENT	930	930	1,020
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.9	3.9	4.2
NANTUCKET LMA			
LABOR FORCE	4,020	4,090	3,900
EMPLOYMENT	3,910	3,950	3,720
UNEMPLOYMENT	120	140	190
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.0	3.4	4.8
NORTH ADAMS LMA			
LABOR FORCE	19,050	18,760	19,490
EMPLOYMENT	17,900	17,580	18,040
UNEMPLOYMENT	1,150	1,170	1,450
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	6.0	6.2	7.5
SOUTHBRIDGE LMA			
LABOR FORCE	12,570	12,930	12,900
EMPLOYMENT	11,900	12,240	12,270
UNEMPLOYMENT	670	690	620
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	5.3	5.3	4.8
TAUNTON LMA			
LABOR FORCE	25,780	26,330	25,320
EMPLOYMENT	24,340	24,810	23,550
UNEMPLOYMENT	1,440	1,520	1,770
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	5.6	5.8	7.0
WARE LMA			
LABOR FORCE	7,670	7,800	7,970
EMPLOYMENT	7,280	7,380	7,590
UNEMPLOYMENT	390	420	380
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	5.1	5.4	4.8
BALANCE of WESTERN MASS EA			
LABOR FORCE	8,510	8,380	7,810
EMPLOYMENT	8,120	7,960	7,500
UNEMPLOYMENT	380	410	310
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.5	4.9	4.0

NOTE: By place of residence, not comparable to nonagricultural wage and salary employment.

LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
MASSACHUSETTS CITIES AND TOWNS

FEBRUARY 1987 PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES

City or Town Name	Labor Force	Employ-ment	Unemploy-ment	Rate
ABINGTON	7,336	7,089	247	3.4
ACTON	9,933	9,715	218	2.2
ACUSHNET	4,757	4,524	233	4.9
ADAMS	4,819	4,546	273	5.7
AGAWAM	13,557	13,187	370	2.7
ALFORD	223	216	7	3.1
AMESBURY	7,130	6,776	354	5.0
AMHERST	18,811	18,205	606	3.2
ANDOVER	13,763	13,354	409	3.0
ARLINGTON	27,783	27,175	608	2.2
ASHBURNHAM	1,965	1,861	104	5.3
ASHBY	1,066	1,005	61	5.7
ASHFIELD	789	757	32	4.1
ASHLAND	5,782	5,638	144	2.5
ATHOL	4,560	4,284	276	6.1
ATTLEBORO	18,249	17,152	1,097	6.0
AUBURN	8,266	8,092	174	2.1
AVON	2,935	2,828	107	3.6
AYER	3,578	3,406	172	4.8
BARNSTABLE	17,257	16,271	986	5.7
BARRE	2,030	1,986	44	2.2
BECKET	655	634	21	3.2
BEDFORD	6,914	6,778	136	2.0
BELCHERTOWN	4,131	3,910	221	5.3
BELLINGHAM	7,371	7,086	285	3.9
BELMONT	14,251	13,955	296	2.1
BERKLEY	1,313	1,242	71	5.4
BERLIN	1,230	1,204	26	2.1
BERNARDSTON	904	875	29	3.2
BEVERLY	22,100	21,312	788	3.6
BILLERICA	22,218	21,420	798	3.6
BLACKSTONE	3,148	2,955	193	6.1
BLANDFORD	563	536	27	4.8
BOLTON	1,373	1,346	27	2.0
BOSTON	287,675	275,460	12,215	4.2
BOURNE	6,590	6,271	319	4.8
BOXBOROUGH	2,010	1,998	12	0.6
BOXFORD	2,675	2,619	56	2.1
BOYLSTON	1,994	1,946	48	2.4
BRAINTREE	19,585	18,944	641	3.3
BREWSTER	2,547	2,437	110	4.3
BRIDGEWATER	8,658	8,309	349	4.0
BRIMFIELD	1,077	1,022	55	5.1
BROCKTON	48,195	45,755	2,440	5.1
BROOKFIELD	1,260	1,208	52	4.1
BROOKLINE	32,944	32,187	757	2.3
BUCKLAND	909	886	23	2.5
BURLINGTON	13,692	13,362	330	2.4
CAMBRIDGE	55,150	53,449	1,701	3.1
CANTON	9,882	9,632	250	2.5
CARLISLE	1,798	1,735	63	3.5
CARVER	3,029	2,877	152	5.0
CHARLEMONT	579	547	32	5.5
CHARLTON	3,345	3,190	155	4.6
CHATHAM	2,986	2,901	85	2.8
CHELMSFORD	19,388	18,789	599	3.1
CHELSEA	11,225	10,612	613	5.5
CHESHIRE	1,510	1,447	63	4.2
CHESTER	540	510	30	5.6
CHESTERFIELD	554	521	33	6.0
CHICOPEE	27,411	26,284	1,127	4.1
CHILMARK	290	282	8	2.8
CLARKSBURG	953	891	62	6.5
CLINTON	6,580	6,358	222	3.4
COHASSET	3,680	3,580	100	2.7
COLRAIN	738	726	12	1.6
CONCORD	8,801	8,661	140	1.6
CONWAY	657	640	17	2.6
CUMMINGTON	355	341	14	3.9
DALTON	3,267	3,156	111	3.4
DANVERS	14,068	13,646	422	3.0
DARTMOUTH	12,505	11,813	692	5.5
DEDHAM	13,957	13,589	368	2.6
DEERFIELD	2,560	2,456	104	4.1
DENNIS	6,191	5,911	280	4.5
DIGHTON	2,672	2,506	166	6.2
DOUGLAS	1,834	1,765	69	3.8
DOVER	2,312	2,273	39	1.7
DRACUT	13,520	13,002	518	3.8
DUDLEY	4,692	4,552	140	3.0
DUNSTABLE	1,016	982	34	3.3
DUXBURY	5,645	5,468	177	3.1
EAST BRIDGEWATER	5,220	4,996	224	4.3
EAST BROOKFIELD	962	930	32	3.3
EAST LONGMEADOW	6,311	6,041	270	4.3
EASTHAM	1,972	1,811	161	8.2
EASTHAMPTON	8,104	7,909	195	2.4
EASTON	9,196	8,989	207	2.3
EDGARTOWN	1,321	1,251	70	5.3
EGREMONT	799	772	27	3.4
ERVING	575	534	41	7.1
ESSEX	1,694	1,634	60	3.5
EVERETT	18,811	17,918	893	4.7
FAIRHAVEN	7,773	7,302	471	6.1
FALL RIVER	43,033	39,480	3,553	8.3
FALMOUTH	13,214	12,322	892	6.8
FITCHBURG	18,640	17,460	1,180	6.3
FLORIDA	358	332	26	7.3
FOXBOROUGH	7,675	7,458	217	2.8
FRAMINGHAM	38,603	37,769	834	2.2
FRANKLIN	9,139	8,816	323	3.5
FREETOWN	3,628	3,418	210	5.8
GARDNER	8,022	7,477	545	6.8
GAY HEAD	113	105	8	7.1
GEORGETOWN	2,979	2,889	90	3.0
GILL	685	659	26	3.8
GLOUCESTER	14,897	14,014	883	5.9
GOSHEN	379	373	6	1.5
GOSNOLD	36	36	0	0.0
GRAFTON	6,205	6,054	151	2.4
GRANBY	2,704	2,587	117	4.3
GRANVILLE	654	629	25	3.8
GREAT BARRINGTON	3,919	3,758	161	4.1
GREENFIELD	9,183	8,774	409	4.5
GROTON	3,284	3,226	58	1.8
GROVELAND	2,760	2,649	111	4.0
HADLEY	2,747	2,690	57	2.1
HALIFAX	2,548	2,448	100	3.9
HAMILTON	3,923	3,837	86	2.2
HAMPDEN	2,249	2,179	70	3.1
HANCOCK	335	310	25	7.5
HANOVER	5,790	5,648	142	2.5
HANSON	4,178	3,951	227	5.4
HARDWICK	885	842	43	4.9
HARVARD	3,092	3,039	53	1.7
HARWICH	4,184	4,109	375	8.4
HATFIELD	1,945	1,874	71	3.7
HAVERHILL	23,273	22,059	1,214	5.2
HAWLEY	136	130	6	4.4
HEATH	231	224	7	3.0
HINGHAM	10,276	9,923	353	3.4
HINSDALE	767	735	32	4.2
HOLBROOK	6,124	5,915	209	3.4
HOLDEN	7,112	6,922	190	2.7
HOLLAND	715	681	34	4.8
HOLLISTON	7,015	6,883	132	1.9
HOLYOKE	18,654	17,708	946	5.1
HOPEDALE	1,985	1,897	88	4.4
HOPKINTON	4,021	3,939	82	2.0
HUBBARDSTON	788	732	56	7.1
HUDSON	9,479	9,263	216	2.3
HULL	4,650	4,393	257	5.5
HUNTINGTON	844	801	43	5.1
IPSWICH	6,335	6,106	229	3.6
KINGSTON	3,696	3,582	114	3.1
LAKEVILLE	2,883	2,763	120	4.2
LANCASTER	3,190	3,108	82	2.6
LANESBOROUGH	1,537	1,459	78	5.1
LAWRENCE	29,411	27,585	1,826	6.2
LEE	2,938	2,811	127	4.3
LEICESTER	4,902	4,729	173	3.5
LENOX	3,197	3,083	114	3.6
LEOMINSTER	16,415	15,896	719	4.3
LEVERETT	980	954	26	2.7
LEXINGTON	16,754	16,407	347	2.1
LEYDEN	275	261	14	5.1
LINCOLN	3,153	3,077	76	2.4
LITTLETON	3,880	3,797	83	2.1
LONGMEADOW	7,595	7,374	221	2.9
LOWELL	53,539	50,920	2,619	4.9
LUDLOW	9,760	9,442	318	3.3
LUNENBURG	4,141	3,994	147	3.5
LYNN	38,411	37,072	1,339	3.5
LYNNFIELD	5,891	5,773	118	2.0

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City or Town Name	Labor Force	Employ-ment	Unemploy-ment	Rate
MALDEN	27,886	26,952	934	3.3
MANCHESTER	2,905	2,828	77	2.7
MANSFIELD	7,237	7,093	144	2.0
MARBLEHEAD	11,713	11,296	417	3.6
MARION	1,922	1,755	167	8.7
MARLBOROUGH	17,791	17,388	403	2.3
MARSHFIELD	10,820	10,448	372	3.4
MASHPEE	2,171	2,068	103	4.7
MATTAPOISETT	2,981	2,810	171	5.7
MAYNARD	5,399	5,234	165	3.1
MEDFIELD	5,207	5,108	99	1.9
MEDFORD	30,633	29,668	965	3.2
MEDWAY	4,476	4,369	107	2.4
MELROSE	16,035	15,600	435	2.7
MENDON	1,615	1,587	28	1.7
MERRIMAC	2,284	2,186	98	4.3
METHUEN	20,281	19,491	790	3.9
MIDDLEBOROUGH	7,618	7,194	424	5.6
MIDDLEFIELD	192	172	20	10.4
MIDDLETON	2,520	2,435	85	3.4
MILFORD	12,508	12,015	493	3.9
MILLBURY	6,131	5,848	283	4.6
MILLIS	3,685	3,594	91	2.5
MILLVILLE	824	763	61	7.4
MILTON	12,855	12,548	307	2.4
MONROE	76	71	5	6.6
MONSON	3,372	3,244	128	3.8
MONTAGUE	4,003	3,872	131	3.3
MONTEREY	492	479	13	2.6
MONTGOMERY	280	274	6	2.1
MOUNT WASHINGTON	68	66	2	2.9
NAHANT	2,126	2,081	45	2.1
NANTUCKET	4,024	3,905	119	3.0
NATICK	17,033	16,687	346	2.0
NEEDHAM	15,180	14,859	321	2.1
NEW ASHFORD	105	101	4	3.8
NEW BEDFORD	47,423	43,458	3,965	8.4
NEW BRAINTREE	287	278	9	3.1
NEW MARLBOROUGH	640	617	23	3.6
NEW SALEM	321	306	15	4.7
NEWBURY	2,362	2,219	143	6.1
NEWBURYPORT	8,515	8,149	366	4.3
NEWTON	47,509	46,446	1,063	2.2
NORFOLK	2,830	2,765	65	2.3
NORTH ADAMS	8,134	7,509	625	7.7
NORTH ANDOVER	10,417	10,087	330	3.2
NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH	11,147	10,522	625	5.6
NORTH BROOKFIELD	2,011	1,962	49	2.4
NORTH READING	6,450	6,289	161	2.5
NORTHAMPTON	14,533	14,027	506	3.5
NORTHBOROUGH	5,674	5,574	100	1.8
NORTHBRIDGE	6,268	6,031	237	3.8
NORTHFIELD	1,244	1,204	40	3.2
NORTON	6,856	6,586	270	3.9
NORWELL	4,662	4,577	85	1.8
NORWOOD	17,064	16,655	409	2.4
OAK BLUFFS	1,045	945	100	9.6
OAKHAM	407	385	22	5.4
ORANGE	2,738	2,585	153	5.6
ORLEANS	2,652	2,533	119	4.5
OTIS	481	458	23	4.8
OXFORD	5,942	5,655	287	4.8
PALMER	5,830	5,673	157	2.7
PAXTON	2,052	2,027	25	1.2
PEABODY	26,797	25,688	1,109	4.1
PELHAM	708	687	21	3.0
PEMBROKE	6,765	6,475	290	4.3
PEPPERELL	4,599	4,397	202	4.4
PERU	335	317	18	5.4
PETERSHAM	468	457	11	2.4
PHILLIPSTON	437	414	23	5.3
PITTSFIELD	24,519	23,357	1,162	4.7
PLAINFIELD	213	196	17	8.0
PLAINVILLE	3,093	2,915	178	5.8
PLYMOUTH	16,687	15,856	831	5.0
PLYMPTON	962	918	44	4.6
PRINCETON	1,349	1,323	26	1.9
PROVINCETOWN	2,484	2,039	445	17.9
QUINCY	46,287	44,846	1,441	3.1
RANDOLPH	15,716	15,241	475	3.0
RAYNHAM	4,786	4,642	144	3.0
READING	12,742	12,462	280	2.2
REHOBOTH	3,860	3,612	248	6.4
REVERE	21,802	20,783	1,019	4.7
RICHMOND	823	807	16	1.9
ROCHESTER	1,561	1,480	81	5.2
ROCKLAND	7,909	7,535	374	4.7
ROCKPORT	3,093	2,905	188	6.1
ROWE	154	143	11	7.1
ROWLEY	2,365	2,297	68	2.9
ROYALSTON	431	398	33	7.7
RUSSELL	735	713	22	3.0
RUTLAND	2,172	2,113	59	2.7
SALEM	21,775	20,937	838	3.8
SALISBURY	2,957	2,797	160	5.4
SANDISFIELD	343	331	12	3.5
SANDWICH	4,874	4,670	204	4.2
SAUGUS	13,483	13,121	362	2.7
SAVOY	287	258	29	10.1
SCITUATE	9,012	8,742	270	3.0
SEEKONK	6,493	6,056	437	6.7
SHARON	7,486	7,266	220	2.9
SHEFFIELD	1,561	1,512	49	3.1
SHELBURNE	913	885	28	3.1
SHERBORN	1,995	1,977	18	0.9
SHIRLEY	2,541	2,435	106	4.2
SHREWSBURY	12,512	12,163	349	2.8
SHUTESBURY	706	684	22	3.1
SOMERSET	9,978	9,370	608	6.1
SOMERVILLE	42,116	40,663	1,453	3.4
SOUTH HADLEY	8,655	8,377	278	3.2
SOUTHAMPTON	2,167	2,096	71	3.3
SOUTHBOROUGH	3,406	3,331	75	2.2
SOUTHBRIDGE	7,419	7,077	342	4.6
SOUTHWICK	3,762	3,619	143	3.8
SPENCER	5,367	5,194	173	3.2
SPRINGFIELD	67,509	64,000	3,509	5.2
STERLING	2,473	2,421	52	1.8
STOCKBRIDGE	1,225	1,199	26	2.1
STONEHAM	11,770	11,521	249	2.1
STOUGHTON	14,441	13,918	523	3.6
STOW	2,869	2,819	50	1.7
STURBRIDGE	2,851	2,661	190	6.7
SUDBURY	7,338	7,185	153	2.1
SUNDERLAND	2,140	2,078	62	2.9
SUTTON	2,923	2,793	130	4.4
SWAMPSCOTT	7,800	7,584	216	2.8
SWANSEA	7,876	7,421	455	5.8
TAUNTON	21,793	20,592	1,201	5.5
TEMPLETON	2,512	2,372	140	5.6
TEWKSBURY	14,765	14,226	539	3.7
TISBURY	1,843	1,711	132	7.2
TOLLAND	140	128	12	8.6
TOPSFIELD	3,054	2,989	65	2.1
TOWNSEND	3,644	3,560	84	2.3
TRURO	772	651	121	15.7
TYNGSBOROUGH	3,604	3,498	106	2.9
TYRINGHAM	223	218	5	2.2
UPTON	2,056	2,013	43	2.1
UXBRIDGE	4,320	4,096	224	5.2
WAKEFIELD	13,786	13,370	416	3.0
WALES	509	460	49	9.6
WALPOLE	9,970	9,722	248	2.5
WALTHAM	33,303	32,513	790	2.4
WARE	3,539	3,323	216	6.1
WAREHAM	9,247	8,398	849	9.2
WARREN	1,375	1,318	57	4.1
WARWICK	240	227	13	5.4
WASHINGTON	315	294	21	6.7
WATERTOWN	20,448	19,975	473	2.3
WAYLAND	6,799	6,678	121	1.8
WEBSTER	7,134	6,801	333	4.7
WELLESLEY	14,095	13,764	331	2.3
WELLFLEET	1,131	1,025	106	9.4
WENDELL	360	320	40	11.1
WENHAM	2,134	2,091	43	2.0
WEST BOYLSTON	3,315	3,227	88	2.7
WEST BRIDGEWATER	3,320	3,186	134	4.0

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WEST BROOKFIELD	1,172	1,128	44	3.8	WHITMAN	7,133	6,932	201	2.8
WEST NEWBURY	1,466	1,378	88	6.0	WILBRAHAM	6,064	5,872	192	3.2
WEST SPRINGFIELD	14,304	13,906	398	2.8	WILLIAMSBURG	1,373	1,307	66	4.8
WEST STOCKBRIDGE	707	687	20	2.8	WILLIAMSTOWN	4,061	3,952	109	2.7
WEST TISBURY	641	630	11	1.7	WILMINGTON	9,157	8,870	287	3.1
WESTBOROUGH	7,833	7,634	199	2.5	WINCHENDON	2,913	2,708	205	7.0
WESTFIELD	17,503	16,774	729	4.2	WINCHESTER	10,932	10,724	208	1.9
WESTFORD	8,037	7,810	227	2.8	WINDSOR	334	325	9	2.7
WESTHAMPTON	682	669	13	1.9	WINTHROP	10,864	10,518	346	3.2
WESTMINSTER	2,496	2,432	64	2.6	WOBURN	21,002	20,580	422	2.0
WESTON	5,783	5,734	49	0.8	WORCESTER	79,630	76,331	3,299	4.1
WESTPORT	6,844	6,329	515	7.5	WORTHINGTON	514	493	21	4.1
WESTWOOD	7,077	6,965	112	1.6	WRENTHAM	3,355	3,254	101	3.0
WEYMOUTH	30,441	29,418	1,023	3.4					
WHATELY	890	859	31	3.5	YARMOUTH	8,986	8,538	448	5.0

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS[1]
MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREAS

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREAS	INITIAL CLAIMS			CONTINUED CLAIMS[2]		
	FEB 87	JAN 87	FEB 86	FEB 87	JAN 87	FEB 86
MASSACHUSETTS	8,304	6,288	9,141	70,641	63,391	79,639
MAJOR LABOR AREAS						
BOSTON PMSA	2,230	2,740	3,212	24,707	24,200	31,182
BROCKTON PMSA	184	284	328	2,080	2,066	2,551
FALL RIVER PMSA[3]	462	512	711	4,124	4,367	5,250
FITCHBURG-LEOMINSTER MSA	102	151	162	1,355	1,405	1,498
LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL PMSA[4]	452	396	568	3,688	3,640	5,013
LOWELL PMSA[4]	237	251	325	3,090	3,016	3,401
NEW BEDFORD MSA	472	540	702	4,198	4,055	4,938
PITTSFIELD MSA	75	144	143	1,063	1,117	1,326
SPRINFIELD MSA	434	443	443	3,252	3,085	3,526
SALEM-GLOUCESTER PMSA	580	656	942	5,645	5,488	7,233
WORCESTER MSA	350	502	670	4,133	4,094	4,885
OTHER LABOR AREAS						
AMHERST LMA	26	40	34	240	241	233
ATHOL LMA	27	32	52	362	350	455
BARNSTABLE COUNTY LMA	311	338	287	3,857	3,766	4,278
BALANCE OF WESTERN MA EA	19	32	20	207	204	152
DUKES COUNTY LMA	11	81	17	221	213	267
GARDNER LMA	55	67	58	610	582	747
GREAT BARRINGTON LMA	11	14	18	186	171	176
GREENFIELD LMA	77	[illegible]	74	546	519	625
NANTUCKET LMA	4		9	73	78	145
NORTH ADAMS LMA	101	[illegible]	126	708	710	1,014
SOUTHBRIDGE LMA	40		29	399	399	405
TAUNTON LMA	110	[illegible]4	164	975	938	1,301
WARE LMA	23	[illegible]5	38	279	264	246

1 - Week that includes the 12th
2 - Includes regular compensation not extended compensation
3 - Includes Rhode Island residents of PMSA
4 - Includes New Hampshire residents of PMSA

EXPLANATION OF TERMS

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment. Includes all workers who worked full or part-time or who received vacation pay, holiday pay or sick leave pay directly from the employer for the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Excluded are workers in most agricultural industries as well as those in forestry, fisheries and international government. Also excluded are self-employed workers, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households.

Benchmark. A reasonably complete count of employment at a specified period of time, usually the first quarter of the year. The principal sources of benchmark data for the CES Program are tabulations of employment reported by establishments covered by the Massachusetts Employment Security Law and by Federal government agencies covered by Federal U.I. Law. These principal sources are supplemented for those nonagricultural jobs not covered by U.I. (e.g., religious, students employed by the institution attended).

Establishment. An establishment is an economic unit which produces goods or services, generally at a single physical location, and is engaged in only one type of activity.

Labor Force. The sum of the employed and unemployed living in the area (total employment plus total unemployment).

Total Employment. The count of persons, living in the area, who did any work at all, in any area, for pay or profit during the week of the month including the 12th or who had a job from which they were temporarily absent because of illness, vacation, labor dispute or other reasons which does not reflect a shortage of work.

Total Unemployment. The count of persons, living in the area, who did no work at all, in any area, during the week of the month including the 12th, but who were looking for work or awaiting recall from layoff or beginning a new job within the next 30 days.

Unemployment Rate. Unemployment expressed as a percent of the labor force.

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